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Dreading Spring

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Dreading
Spring®



TAN More literally "The melancholy of waiting for spring."

I'M MOVING TO
TOKYO AFTER
GRADUATION.

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nod

...SO YOU'RE
GOING TO SCHOOL
THERE, ECHINO?



CONGRATULA-
TIONS.





Most of us
are just going
to whatever
local school
we managed
to get into.



...NOW,
SHE'S
SPARK-
LING.

But Ichiko
is setting off
on a journey
to follow her
dreams.



HOW CAN
YOU ACT LIKE
THIS IS NO
BIG DEAL?!



AREN'T
YOU SAD
SHE'S
LEAVING,
HITOMI?

YOUR BEST
FRIEND IS
GOING AWAY!

I CAN'T
AFFORD TO
BE TIRED
ANYMORE.

I'M GOING
TO HAVE
TO WORK
HARD FROM
NOW ON.



Ichiko!
Let's take
a picture
together.

さよなら さよなら

It's not
fair with
never
see each
other
again.

You guys
are crying
too much.





AREN'T
YOU HAPPY
FOR HER?

I'M SUP-
PORTING
HER IN THIS
BECAUSE
SHE'S MY
BEST
FRIEND.

SHE'S GOING TO
GO FIND OUT WHAT
SHE WANTS TO DO
WITH HER LIFE.



YOU'RE
SEEING HER
OFF WITH
YOUR
BLESSING.

WOW,
HITOMI!



I WONDER
WHEN IT
WILL FINALLY
WARM UP.
IT'S MARCH!

OH,
IT'S
SNOW-
ING!



IT'S NOT IN BLOOM YET, BUT IT'S POKING ITS HEAD OUT FROM UNDER THE SNOW.



IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, HITOME.

HOW OPTIMISTIC...



DOWN IN THE DUMPS ABOUT NOW I'M GOING TO MISS EVERYTHING.

IF YOU WEREN'T HERE, I'D PROBABLY JUST BE





BECAUSE
YOU'RE
SEEING ME
OFF WITH A
SMILE.

I CAN LOOK
ON THE
BRIGHT SIDE
OF THINGS



YOU'D BETTER
BE THERE
WHEN I GO!

I'LL SEE
YOU BEFORE
THAT, AT THE
END-OF-YEAR
CEREMONY!



YOU'RE
SEEING
HER OFF
WITH A
SMILE.

WOW,
WITLESS!



THE TRUTH
IS, I DON'T
WANT HER
TO GO.

I WANT
TO BREAK
DOWN IN
TEARS AND
BEG HER
NOT TO
LEAVE ME.



WELL,

WHAT
ELSE CAN
I DO?



SHE'S
NOT JUST
MY BEST
FRIEND.

BUT

So I couldn't tell
her any of that.



I'M IN LOVE
WITH HER.

Don't worry
you'll be fine!

Don't get
nervous about this
but really going
to work, huh?

Since we're
best friends
and all?

It would just put
her in a bad spot,
wouldn't it?

This is the
best face to
show her,
right?

I'll be
rooting
for you,
Ichiro!

I've been
secretly hoping

The truth is,

I CAN LOOK ON
THE BRIGHT SIDE
OF THINGS BE-
CAUSE OF YOU,
HITOMI.

she'd give up
on her plans.



DON'T
BLOOM.



NOT
EVER.

DON'T
YOU
DARE.



BY THE TIME
THIS BLOOMS...
I MIGHT BE IN
TOKYO.

I hope
spring never
comes.

SMUSH...

After today,
we're out of
here!

Get in the
picture,
everyone!

EVEN
ICHIKO'S
INTO IT.

Come April,
we'll be in
high school!

THAT'S
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT. ♥

YOU GUYS WERE
CRYING YOUR
EYES OUT AT
GRADUATION...

AND HER
FACE WILL
FALL.

THE
ROOM
WILL
FREEZE.

IF I TELL HER
EVERYTHING
NOW, IT'LL BE
A DISASTER.

BUT
STILL...



...IT'S
WEIRD.

I want
to watch
her smile.

because I love
her, I want her
to be happy.

But...

MY FEELINGS
HAVE BEEN
SUCH A MESS...

I love her,
so I don't
want her
to leave.

That's
how I
really
feel.

...
OKAY.

HEY, HITOMI,
COME STAND
NEXT TO
ICHIKO.







THEY REMIND
ME OF YOU,
HITOMI.



I LOVE
AMUR JIDONIS
FLOWERS.

WOW,
THEY'RE
BLOOMING
FOR MY DEPAR-
TURE.

'CAUSE



"Love"...

BADUMP



...IN
THE END,

AK-THE-AN

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...BUT



I DIDN'T TELL
HER ABOUT MY
FEELINGS...

It's better that
she doesn't know

MAYBE
THAT'S
FOR THE
BEST.

about the flower
I crushed.

...I hope



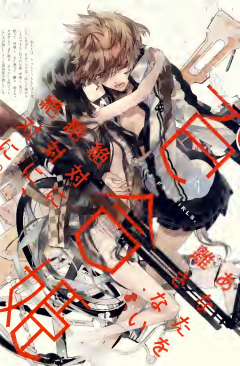
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